



Gold King Mine Spill 08/06/2015

Region 6 is coordinating with the State of New Mexico (NMED) and with EPA Region 8 to obtain background samples on the Animas River before the plume enters the State of New Mexico. EPA Region 8 will collect background samples in Region 6, at the first accessible point in New Mexico and near the first drinking water intake in New Mexico.

The plume is traveling at approximately 4 miles per hour. The estimated time of arrival at the Colorado, New Mexico border is 2100 Mountain Time. The estimated arrival time for the plume at the furthest upstream Animas River water intakes for the town of Aztec, NM is at 2000 hours MT tonight and Farmington, NM at 0300 hours.

According to NMED there are seven drinking water intakes on the Animas River, all have been notified. The Town of Aztec, NM closed their water intakes at 1800 hours yesterday (August 5). The Town of Farmington, NM closed their water intakes at 1039 hours today (August 6).

NMED has notified the Navajo Department of Water Resources.

EPA Region 6 Water Quality has notified EPA Region 9 with regard to Region 9 Tribal systems that might be impacted.

EPA Region 6 is in the process of deploying an OSC and START contractors resources to continue water sampling.

The Region 6 OEJTA has been notified of the spill.

The USFWS is engaged in the response to the spill.